

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

5 ~~1.~~ An in-ground trampoline, comprising:
a segmented retaining wall.

27 ~~2.~~ The in-ground trampoline of Claim 1, wherein said
segmented retaining wall is formed from a rigid, corrugated
10 material.

3. ~~The in-ground trampoline of Claim 2, wherein said
rigid, corrugated material is selected from the group
consisting of metals, metal alloys, plastics, fiber-
15 reinforced plastics, cellulose fiber and cement substrates,
non-cementitious substrates, cementitious substrates,
ferro-cements, fiberglass, carbon-fiber substrates, and
vinyl substrates.~~

20 ~~4.~~ The in-ground trampoline of Claim 1, wherein said
segmented retaining wall is formed from a rigid, non-
corrugated material.

25 ~~5.~~ The in-ground trampoline of Claim 4, wherein said
rigid, non-corrugated material is selected from the group

consisting of metals, metal alloys, plastics, fiber-reinforced plastics, cellulose fiber and cement substrates, non-cementitious substrates, cementitious substrates, ferro-cements, fiberglass, carbon-fiber substrates, and 5 vinyl substrates.

~~6.~~ The in-ground trampoline of Claim 1, further comprising at least one support ring removably secured to, and in supportive association with, said segmented 10 retaining wall.

~~7.~~ The in-ground trampoline of Claim 6, wherein said at least one support ring is selected from the group consisting of segmented support rings and non-segmented 15 support rings.

~~8.~~ The in-ground trampoline of Claim 6, wherein said at least one support ring is adapted to removably and securely receive a plurality of tensional supports, said tensional 20 supports secured to the periphery of a trampoline mat for the tensioned support of same within said at least one support ring.

~~1.~~ The in-ground trampoline of Claim 1, wherein said retaining wall is bottomless.

~~10.~~ The in-ground trampoline of Claim 1, wherein said
5 segmented retaining wall is positioned within a recessed area selected from the group consisting of earthen pits, basins, ditches, indoor recessed areas, and outdoor recessed areas.

10 ~~11.~~ The in-ground trampoline of Claim 10, wherein said
5 segmented retaining wall is positioned adjacent to, and in contact with, inner walls of said recessed area.

15 ~~12.~~ The in-ground trampoline of Claim 10, wherein said segmented retaining wall is shaped and configured to provide said in-ground trampoline with a shape selected from the group consisting of circles, squares, rectangles, ovals, diamonds, hexagons, octagons, other polygons, and other geometric shapes.

20 ~~13.~~ The in-ground trampoline of Claim 10, wherein said
5 segmented retaining wall is adapted to receive an above-

ground trampoline to effectuate a ground level jumping surface.

~~14.~~ The in-ground trampoline of Claim 1, further comprising safety nets.

~~15.~~ The in-ground trampoline of Claim 1, further comprising safety padding.

~~10 16.~~ An in-ground trampoline for use above-ground, said in-ground trampoline comprising:

an outer retaining wall for precluding entry of objects, people and animals therewith and under a trampoline mat tensionally-supported therewithin.

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~~17.~~ An apparatus for providing a ground level jumping surface positioned over a recessed area, said apparatus comprising:

20 a bottomless retaining wall positionable within the recessed area.

~~18.~~ The apparatus of Claim 17, wherein said bottomless retaining wall is segmented.

~~18.~~ The apparatus of Claim 17, wherein said bottomless retaining wall is formed from a rigid, corrugated material.

~~20.~~ The apparatus of Claim 19, wherein said rigid, 5 corrugated material is selected from the group consisting of metals, metal alloys, plastics, fiber-reinforced plastics, cellulose fiber and cement substrates, non-cementitious substrates, cementitious substrates, ferrocements, fiberglass, carbon-fiber substrates, and vinyl substrates.

~~21.~~ The apparatus of Claim 17, wherein said bottomless retaining wall is formed from a rigid, non-corrugated material.

~~15.~~ The apparatus of Claim 21, wherein said rigid, non-corrugated material is selected from the group consisting of metals, metal alloys, plastics, fiber-reinforced plastics, cellulose fiber and cement substrates, non-cementitious substrates, cementitious substrates, ferrocements, fiberglass, carbon-fiber substrates, and vinyl substrates.

~~32~~ The apparatus of Claim 17, further comprising at least one support ring removably secured to, and in supportive association with, said bottomless retaining wall.

5 ~~24~~ The apparatus of Claim 23, wherein said at least one support ring is selected from the group consisting of segmented support rings and non-segmented support rings.

~~25~~ The apparatus of Claim 23, wherein said at least one support ring is adapted to removably and securely receive a plurality of tensional supports, said tensional supports secured to the periphery of a trampoline mat for the tensioned support of same within said at least one support ring.

15 ~~25~~ The apparatus of Claim 17, wherein said bottomless retaining wall is positioned adjacent to, and in contact with, inner walls of the recessed area.

20 ~~25~~ The apparatus of Claim 17, wherein said bottomless retaining wall is shaped and configured to provide said ground level jumping surface with a shape selected from the group consisting of circles, squares, rectangles, ovals,

diamonds, hexagons, octagons, other polygons, and other geometric shapes.

~~26.~~ The apparatus of Claim 17, wherein said bottomless retaining wall is adapted to receive an above-ground trampoline to effectuate said ground level jumping surface.

~~27.~~ The apparatus of Claim 17, further comprising safety nets.

~~10 28.~~ The apparatus of Claim 17, further comprising safety padding.

~~15 29.~~ A method of implementing a ground level jumping surface, comprising the steps of:

- a. obtaining a bottomless retaining wall
- b. positioning said bottomless retaining wall within a recessed area.

~~20 30.~~ The method of Claim 31, wherein said bottomless retaining wall is segmented.

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~~33.~~ The method of Claim 31, further comprising the step of
tensioning a trampoline mat within said bottomless
retaining wall.

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~~5 34.~~ The method of Claim 31, further comprising the step of
tensioning a trampoline mat over said bottomless retaining
wall.

~~10 35.~~ The method of Claim 31, further comprising the step of
placing a tensionally supported trampoline mat within said
bottomless retaining wall.

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~~15 36.~~ The method of Claim 31, further comprising the step of
placing a tensionally supported trampoline mat over said
bottomless retaining wall.

~~20 37.~~ The method of Claim 31, further comprising the step of
placing and flushly seating an above ground trampoline
within said bottomless retaining wall.

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~~38.~~ The method of Claim 31, further comprising the step of
placing and flushly seating an above ground trampoline
within said bottomless retaining wall.

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~~35~~ The method of Claim 31, wherein said bottomless retaining wall tensionally supports a trampoline mat.

~~5~~ ~~36~~ An apparatus for providing a ground level jumping surface positioned over a recessed area, said apparatus comprising:

a retaining wall selected from the group consisting of retaining walls comprising a plurality of throughholes 10 formed around the upper peripheral edge thereof for facilitating engagement of tensional supports thereto, multiple overlapping retaining walls, multiple overlapping segmented retaining walls, non-segmented retaining walls, non-segmented bottomless retaining walls, retaining walls 15 formed from a plurality of piping, retaining walls formed from a plurality of corrugated piping, retaining walls formed from a plurality of non-corrugated piping, truncated conical-shaped retaining walls, bottomless truncated conical-shaped retaining walls, closed-bottom truncated 20 conical-shaped retaining walls, parabolic-shaped retaining walls, bottomless parabolic-shaped retaining walls, closed-bottom parabolic-shaped retaining walls, bowl-shaped

retaining walls, bottomless bowl-shaped retaining walls,
and closed-bottom bowl-shaped retaining walls.

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